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In Loving Memory
of

Roy Harris

1917 — 1995



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1995
12 o'clock noon

Bethel AME Church
Buffalo, New York



Rev. Simon P. Bouie, Pastor
Officiating



Obituary



In the quiet peacefulness of the morning of September 10, 1995, God chose to add Roy Harris to his heavenly flower garden.

Roy Harris was born to the parentage of Mr. Maryland Harris and Mrs. Missouri Carter Harris on March 31, 1917, in Tattnall County, Georgia. He was the youngest of seven children. Roy attended the Tattnall County Schools.

At an early age, Roy accepted Christ and connected with the United Methodist Episcopal Church of Reidsville, Georgia, under the pastorate of Rev. Robbins.

Roy served in the United States Army for three and one-half years in World War II.

On February 6, 1946, Roy was united in holy matrimony with Adabelle Sharpe in Tattnall County, Georgia. Shortly, thereafter, they relocated to Buffalo, New York and became members of Bethel A.M.E. Church, under the leadership of Rev. Charles Stewart.

Roy was a faithful member of Bethel and a dedicated member of the Male Usher Board for 26 years, until his health began to decline. He was known by all as a kind, thoughtful and cheerful person, who always wore a smile. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. Roy was loved by all who knew him.

Roy Harris was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Grady and Theodore; and three sisters: Pauline, Lois and Elizabeth.

Roy leaves to cherish his precious memory, a loving and devoted wife: Adabelle; a sister: Corine Carter of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; three sisters-in-law: Cecelia Sharpe of Buffalo, New York, Veronica (Ernest) Smith of Reidsville, Georgia and Ardelia Harris of Collins, Georgia; a loving and supportive niece: Dorothy Truehart; two Godchildren: Cheryl Edmunds Dublin and Attorney David L. Edmunds, Jr.; and many nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Order of Service



Organ Prelude	Mrs. Ruthetta Smikle
Processional	"Soon and Very Soon"
Hymn	"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"
Prayer of Consolation	Rev. Thomas Moore
Choral Response	"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"
The Lord's Prayer	Ms. Beatrice Mackin
Scriptures	
Old Testament (Job 14:1-7)	Ev. Annie Wilson
New Testament (John 14:16-20)	Rev. Leland Jones
Selection	"By and By"
	The Choir
Acknowledgements	Mrs. Betty Norwood
Resolutions	
The Steward Board	Mrs. Vanetta Williams
The Usher Board	Mr. Raymond Walton
Remarks	
Obituary	Mrs. Carolyn B. Thomas
Solo	Mrs. Vonnie Mae Grambrell
Eulogy	Rev. Simon P. Bouie
Benediction	Rev. Simon P. Bouie
Recessional	"Going Home"

pallbearers

Mr. Vernon Taylor and the Male Usher Board

*As roses bloom and roses die
So, too, our souls must one day fly,
To meet our Maker face to face
And share with Him a greater place.*

*Above the clouds beyond the rain,
There is a world that knows no pain
And here we'll meet with those we love
Who've gone to be with God above.*

— The Family —

Acknowledgements

The family gratefully acknowledges with sincere thanks and deep appreciation the expressions through the many acts of kindness shown them.

Interment

Forest Lawn Rosewood Mausoleum

Arrangements

H. Alfred Lewis Mortuary
968 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, New York